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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN
GREECE AND TURKEY

1. ATHENS PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED, AND GREEK CAA, AUTHORITIES
HAVE CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
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FROM THE TURKISH AIRLINE (TK) GREECE HAS AGREED TO THE

RESUMPTION BY THAT AIRLINE OF FOUR FLIGHTS A WEEK
FROM ISTANBUL VIA SOFIA (NO STOP) TO ATHENS AND RETURN,
AND THREE FLIGHTS A WEEK FROM IZMIR VIA RHODES (NO STOP).

2. GREECE HAS ATTACHED CONDITIONS TO THE RESUMPTION OF THESE FLIGHTS WHICH ARE: (A) FULL COMPLIANCE BY TURKISH AIRLINES TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING FLIGHTS WITHIN ATHENS FIR, (B) THAT TURKISH NOTAM 714 OF 1974 SHALL NOT REPEAT NOT BE APPLIED. NOTAM 714 REQUIRES AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE ATHENS FIR TO MAKE CERTAIN POSITION REPORTS TO THE ISTANBUL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER, (C) THAT OLYMPIC AIRWAYS, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, MAY START OPERATING THREE FLIGHTS A WEEK FROM ATHENS TO ISTANBUL VIA THESSALONIKI (PERHAPS WITH STOP OVER).

3. THE GREEK REPLY TO THE TURKISH REQUEST WAS SENT AUGUST 20 AND THE GREEK CAA IS AWAITING A RESPONSE. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF FLIGHTS WHEN AVAILABLE.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH GREEK-TURKISH CONSULTATIONS TO ARRANGE FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE FOLLOWING UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE IN AUGUST, THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION IN GREEK PRESS THAT ANOTHER SESSION IN THE BILATERAL AIR SPACE TALKS WILL BE SCHEDULED AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, PROBABLY IN PARIS AGAIN. NO DATES HAVE YET BEEN FIXED, HOWEVER.

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